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VERSES
inscribed by a tombstone on Goat Island, dated
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JOHN COOMBSHAW, NAT'L, 17 YEARS.

A sleeper, years on years have fled
Since first beneath this cold gray stone
Was laid, unburied and unknown,In dreamless rest thy youthful head,
It may be that thy face was fair—

The friends who knew thy youth could tell—

But long ago, like thee, they fell;

Like thee, they sleep, but who knows where?

The breaking surf disturbs thee not,

Nor solemn sound of sabbath bell;

Can reach thee in thy narrow cell—

What matters it thou art forgot?

The world is changed since thou wert here,

Save nature, for her robes are green

As when thou last beheldst the scene

That spreads around this placid bay.

The world was full of strife and sound,

When thou didst mingle with its life,

But now not one is left alive,

They all are lying under ground.

An hundred years, and we will lie,

Beneath the sod where they are laid,

Unknowning of the sun or shade,

Ereuding as the years go by.

MY COUNTRY.

BY ALMIRA SKYMEUR.

Known then the land that from ocean to ocean

Lifts high its huge mountains and stretches its plains—

These sources of riches and rivers uncounted,

These gemmed with fair cities and waving with

grains—

O you, 'tis Columbia, the land of the free!

My own native country, the home of the free!

Hear plagues but rose by the side of the wigwam,

Here patriot camps glowed in the face of the fire—

That war-cloud rolled by, and lo! o'er us was

was

The stars from Heaven's blue and the stripes

from its bow—

Ah yes, twas our banner, the flag of the free!

Faith, hope, love united, the flag of the free!

In its light, white-winged Commerce has traversed

old ocean,

And Enterprise ploughed through ice-floes to

the new;

Fire and water united their forces to serve us,

And lightning came down our swift errands to

do it;

And this is Columbia, the land of the free!

The home of the exile! the home of the free!

The temples of learning, the spires of devotion,

Adorn every hillside, and fair, fertile vale;

While in every language his children are speak-

ing

The Father's glad praises ascend on the gale—

This is Columbia, the land of the free!

The home of the exile, the home of the free!

One Father, one King, at whose shrine we are

bending

As pilgrim and patriot bent, loyal, of yore;

At his word, as one man, half a continent rises;

To rescue from treason and tyrants our shore;

Columbia united forever shall be

From lakes to lagunes, from wide sea to sea!

And woe to the hands that shall ever profanely

Assail the bright emblem of all bold men;

Columbia united forever shall be

Neath one broad, Christian banner, the flag

of the free!

Useful Hints.

To PRESERVE GREEN TOMATOES.—Select those

which are perfectly green, smooth and fair—pour

boiling water upon them, to scald them thoroughly.

Take them out, wipe them with a dry cloth,

and prick each two or three times with a fork—

Make a syrup; allow three-quarters of a pound of

white sugar to every pound of tomatoes,

(weighed before scalded) and water enough to

cover the sugar—but it a few minutes, throw

in the tomatoes, and cook them gently for a few

minutes—skin them out, and boil the syrup

for a while. This is done to prevent their

breaking. Then return the fruit to the syrup,

and cook till the syrup becomes nearly as thick as

honey. This can be ascertained by cooling a lit-

tear in a saucer. To be flavored with sliced lemon

or ginger, tied up in a bag, if you have not the

root, according to the taste.

GREEN TOMATO SWEET PICKLE.—Slice one peck

of green tomatoes, (six onions sliced may be added

by those who choose)—over these strew a teaspoonful

of salt, and let them remain overnight. Drain off

in the morning, and add 2 quarts of water,

and one of vinegar—boil 15 minutes and put them

in a sieve to drain—then return them to the kettle;

add 4 qts. good vinegar, half a pound of

white mustard seed, 2 tablespoons of allspice,

the same of cloves, cinnamon and ginger, 2 lbs.

of brown sugar, and cook slowly, 20 minutes.

DRIED SWEET CORN.—Now is the time to dry

sweet corn for winter use; and if dried properly,

who is there that don't like it? Take the best

cobs cut from the cobs, and spread in dishes or

put them in the stove oven and beneath the stove.

It will dry in a very short time. Don't

scold it, as some recommend, who don't know

better, it is good.

RHEUMATIC RINGWORM.—The North British

Agriculturist says that the disease known as ring-

worm or tetter, which shows itself about the head

and neck of young cattle, in the form of whitish

scurfy spots, can be removed by rubbing the parts

affected with iodine ointment. The disease

may also be combated by the use of sulphur and

oil; iodine ointment, however, is to be preferred.—

As this skin disease is easily communicated to

the human subject, the person dressing the cattle

should wash his hands with soap and hot water

after each application of the ointment.

SEA PIE.—Make a thick pudding crust, line a

dish with it, or what is better, a cake tin, put a

layer of sliced onions, then a layer of salt beef

cut in slices, a layer of sliced potatoes, a layer of

pork, and another of onions, straw pepper over

all, cover with a crust, and tie down tightly with

a string previously dipped in boiling water and

boured.

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THE GREAT NAVAL EXPEDITION.—One of the greatest naval expeditions in which this country was ever engaged is now in preparation, and part of it is already on the way to a common rendezvous.

The large portion of this fleet has been fit out at this port, but the small vessels have been prepared from Boston and Philadelphia, all intended for the same object. The fleet has been furnished with every necessary, yet all has been conducted without haste or confusion. Merchants have offered their vessels, and they have been accepted by the United States government with promptness. The transports have been rapidly loaded at our wharves, and have headed into the stream or off the battery, setting the signal to start. Large steamships, which have won themselves renown as ocean palaces, have been stripped of their gilding, loaded heavily with cannon and death-dealing missiles, and taken into the ranks of transports and war vessels. The expedition, as it was composed in our harbor a few days since, presented a somewhat novel appearance. The fleet, loaded nearly to her guards, the Atlantic, Vanderbilt, and other ocean steamers, all bearing valuable freight, lay in the stream with many gunboats, side wheel and propellers, and the diminutive tug, with a new coat of black paint, last proudly with the war fleet. By the middle of next week this expedition will be advanced so far that they will be on their way to the mouth of the Mississippi, where they will be in sight of New Orleans as early as the 1st of October. The Nashville, of course, takes out a full mail and no official documents for the Confederate Commissioners, who have been on the Continent for many months past. The Nashville is said to be one of the swiftest steamers that ever plied the American waters, and for several years ran as a passenger and mail boat between New York and Charleston. Her custom house measurement is about twelve hundred tons.

Three fine steamers, Augusta, Alabama and Connecticut have been sent in pursuit of her.

BEAUFORT CATTLE MARKET.—*Thursday Last.*

At noon, 100 Beef Cattle, 400 Stores, 3200 Sheep and Lambs, and 1000 Swine.

Beef Cattle, Extra, \$3 50; first quality, \$5 75; second quality \$4 50; third quality \$4 a 75.

Working Oxen—None.

Milch Cows—\$3 a head; common 18 a 19.

Veal Calves—\$3 a 2.

Stores—*Yearlings*, \$7 a 8; two years old \$9 a 10; three years old \$12 a 14.

Horses—4 to 5 cwt. *Calf Skins*, 8 a 9c; *Tallow*, \$1 a 2 d.

Pork—200 lbs. each.

Sheep & Lambs—\$3 a 100; extra \$2 50, 3 50.

Swine—Stores, wholesale \$4 a 12 50; retail \$6.

Spring Pigs, wholesale \$1 5 3 4 c.; retail \$6 a 7 5.

Meat—\$1 5 3 4 c.

